

T.O.P. NEWSLETTER

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Manager's Message

The Town's Christmas Committee is once again pleased to coordinate and promote the 3rd Annual Platteville Day of Christmas scheduled for Saturday, December 13th. The event schedule is included in this month's utility bill and includes various fun activities starting with a community breakfast and pictures with Santa at the Community Center, Wreaths Across America and Historical Society events, the Parade of Lights down Main Street, and concluding with the bonfire, refreshments, prize drawings, and fireworks that evening at the Community Complex. It looks like the weather may be changing in the next few weeks so it may actually feel like the winter holiday season.

The Town will once again promote a Christmas Decorating contest in the community for the best decorated property (home/yard) with judging occurring over the weekend of December 20th-21st and winners announced prior to Christmas. I've always enjoyed the holiday season and will continue recognizing the wonderful decorations that so many residents display in our community.

The Board will adopt the 2026 Operating & Capital Budget during the December 3rd meeting and the Town will continue maintaining a stable budget into the upcoming year. Everyone is aware of the federal and state financial issues, which of course are more complicated and very political, but here locally I work closely with the staff and elected officials to develop and manage a conservative budget to provide a wide variety of services for the community while continuing to maintain or increase reserve funds.

In 2008 when I transitioned from being the Police Chief to the Town Manager the General Fund Budget had estimated revenues of \$1,602,110 with estimated expenditures of \$1,824,889 and a small reserve fund of only

\$202,131. I remember the Finance Director telling me that the Town was almost broke with limited funds available for operating expenses let alone capital projects.

Since that time we've worked hard to improve the budget process and find ways to increase revenues while managing expenses conservatively which has been largely successful. With the voter approved 1% sales tax increase to implement the Capital Improvement Fund in 2009, along with a variety of budget management changes, today's General Fund has estimated revenues and expenses around \$4.6 million with a strong reserve fund of approximately \$5.1 million. Please keep in mind that the General Fund is separate from the Capital Improvement Fund and the Water and Sewer Funds as those are regulated differently as Special Revenue or Enterprise Funds.

Other Special Revenue Funds include the Library, Cemetery, Conservation Trust, Harvest Daze and LE Funds. These are called Special Revenues Funds as they have dedicated revenue sources with restrictions on how the funds can be spent, such as the library receiving dedicated property taxes that can only be spent on library services. The budget can be complicated but I strive to be as transparent as possible and am always willing to discuss it in more detail if anyone would like to learn more about how it's developed and managed.

I truly hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday season and please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments.

Troy Renken, Town Manager

Town Departments

Administration

400 Grand Avenue
Platteville, CO 80651
(970) 785-2245
Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm

Police

(970) 785-2215
Non-Emergency Dispatch:
(970) 356-1212

Public Works

(970) 785-6415
After-Hours:
(970) 304-2534

Recreation & Seniors

508 Reynolds Ave
(720) 438-0711

Pioneer Museum

502 Marion Avenue
(970) 785-6285
Mon & Wed 10:00am-3:00pm
Sat. 10:00-2:00pm

Ft. Vasquez Museum Welcome Center

13412 US85
(970) 785-2832
Wed, Sat, Sun 10am-3pm

Public Library

504 Marion Ave./PO Box 567
(970) 785-2231
Mon - Fri 10:00am-6:00pm
Sat 10:00am-2:00pm
www.PPLCO.us

Nantes Library (Gilcrest)

703 Birch Street
Gilcrest, CO 80623
(970) 737-1035
Mon-Fri 10:00am-6:00pm
Sat 10:00am-2:00pm
www.nanteslibrary.us